

REMARKS

The Official Action dated September 1, 2010, has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in response thereto.

The Official Action requested that new formal drawings be provided in reply to the Official Action because the previously provided drawings were unclear and of low quality.

The Official Action recommended that the phrases “to enable” in claim 9, and “can be satisfied” in claim 10 be replaced with positive recitations in order to more clearly define the scope of the subject matter claimed in claim 9 and 10.

The Official Action presented objections to a misspelling in claim 1, and to the phrase “a predefined value to perform the hashing of the attributes of the second grouping set” recited in claims 1, 13 and 22.

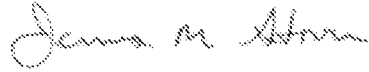
The Official Action indicated that claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-13, 15, 16, 19-22, 24, and 27-31 were allowable over the cited art of record.

The foregoing amendment presents corrections to claims 1, 9, 10, 13 and 22, as recommended by the Examiner, in order to right the errors noted and objected to in the Official Action.

Provided with this reply are formal drawings of Figures 1 through 4 for the present application. Please substitute the enclosed formal drawings for the originally filed informal drawings of Figures 1 through 4, which were provided with the patent application when filed on November 12, 2003.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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